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Visitor Services Update- Sunset Crater Volcano NM

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Sunset Crater Volcano Visitor Center bathrooms and sidewalks to be rehabilitated

The National Park Service will be rehabilitating the front patio and sidewalks leading to the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Visitor Center. The repairs will ensure a safe and maintainable surface and ensure the sidewalk ramps meet disabled visitor accessibility requirements. The project began this week and is expected to be complete at the end of November.

The bathrooms for the Sunset Crater Volcano Visitor Center are also being rehabilitated. They will be closed until the beginning of January. Portable toilets will be available in the parking lot during bathroom construction.

The Visitor Center may be closed for short periods to provide for employee and visitor safety during these projects. Educational and tour groups are encouraged to contact park staff to make alternative arrangements for large groups during this construction.

Bathrooms are also located at the Lava Flow Trail, a popular activity area in the park. The park will remain open during the project, as well as the Sunset Crater-Wupatki Loop Road. The park entrance fee is \$5.00 per person for visitors 16 and over. America the Beautiful Passes are accepted.

For additional information about alternate areas and activities at Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument call the visitor center at (928)526-0502 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/sucr. The park is open from 9am-5pm during the winter months. Thank you for your support of the Flagstaff Area National Monuments.

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